



PGA

New England Section

Maine Chapter

2018 Spring Newsletter



The Maine Chapter Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 17th at The Woodlands Club. We hope to see all our fellow professionals after an exhausting string of Northeasters that have pushed back "Opening Day".

Representatives of the Travis Mills Foundation will be in attendance and will be presented a \$1,000 check from the NEPGA Foundation.

Spring Meeting Agenda

- 8:30 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast and Registration
 - 9:00 - 12:00 Meeting
- 12:00 - Lunch for those that stay for afternoon education
 - 12:30 - 2:30 - Education

The educational seminar will be a "Round Table Discussion of the State of the Golf Industry". Come learn and share best practice ideas. Understand how innovative thinking has produced successes at other facilities. Discuss how your fellow golf professionals have reduced their costs, operated more efficiently and provided a better experience for their golfers.

March 2018 Director's News

The Maine Chapter's Tournament Schedule is complete and is slated to go live on April 1st. At the 2017 Fall Meeting, a survey of the membership was taken and a "Wish List" was created outlining ideas to help improve the Chapter. One of which being, adding more variety to the tournament schedule. To that end, Tournament Committee Chair, Peiter DeVos, has put together a mix of individual, team and quota formats for 2018. Also added was a 2-Man Team BB Match Play Championship, which will be contested throughout the season. The chapter's board has designated the Prouts Neck CC Pro-Am in May and the Pro-Am Championship at Portland CC in September, to be Scholarship Foundation events. A \$10 stipend will be added to the standard registration fee and over \$2,000 is expected to be realized.

At a March 14th Chapter Board Meeting, VP Chris Twombly presented a template for each committee which the Chapter will use moving forward. This document includes a timeline, committee goals, objectives, the list of members and the mission statement of each committee. This will ensure continuity as committees, boards, officers and staff change. Dan Limauro submitted a Scholarship Report and an outline to address the possibility of adding some new Scholarship Application criteria. Scott Mayer presented an Education Committee report and notified the Board of an education seminar that will be held after the Spring Meeting.

As the Awards Committee Chair, Chris Twombly also noted that it has become increasingly difficult to get nominations. It was decided that nomination forms would be made available at each event, allowing chapter members to place nominations throughout the season. These forms would then be compiled into a master spreadsheet for submittal in the fall. The existing application process will remain allowing the

various members, who are being considered, to "Sell Themselves" to the committee.

New England PGA Golf Foundation Auction Reminder

Last year the NEPGA tasked each Chapter to conduct a Pro Am that would, in part, be designed to raise money for the NEPGA Foundation and create exposure for our newest endeavor. The initial plan was to move forward in the same manner for 2018, but when reviewing the logistical issues some Chapters had last year, the Foundation is going in a different direction.

Mike Bradshaw, PGA conducted an online auction in the Rhode Island Chapter instead of running a Pro Am tournament last year. It was a tremendous success that raised over \$6400.00! This year the NEPGA will be expanding on his vision and success and creating a section wide Foundation Foursomes Auction in lieu of the Pro Am Tournaments, but we still need the help and support of our chapter members to make this happen.

To this end we are soliciting facilities in our region for a complimentary foursome. Then, once the auction goes live, we will also need your help getting the word out to the members and customers at your facilities so they can bid on some great golf packages.

The New England PGA Golf Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, is committed to its mission of impacting lives through golf. We are dedicated to positively impacting the lives of veterans, youth and diverse populations. Recently founded, the New England PGA Foundation, through PGA Reach, will continually work to promote the game and improve the lives of thousands of children, military veterans and their families, as well as diverse populations through golf each year. Although the NEPGA fosters competition, the New England PGA Charitable Foundation is designed to encourage fellowship, good sportsmanship, continued skill development, honesty, integrity and etiquette.

To date we have commitments from: **Cape Arundel, Dunegrass, Falmouth, Fox Ridge, Martindale, Natanis, Old Marsh, Purpoodock, Val Halla & Waterville.** If you can also donate a foursome of golf, with or without cart, at your facility, you will help us make this a year to remember!

The timeline for the auction is as follows:
Now through March 27 - collection of foursomes
April 5 (Masters Thursday) - auction goes live
May 28 (Memorial Day) - auction closes

Email Don Doyon at ddoyon@pgahq.com and let him know if you can contribute or have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your help.



JUNIOR GOLF ALLIANCE IN MAINE

New England PGA Junior Tour joins Maine State Juniors

The New England PGA and the Maine State Golf Association are very excited to announce a Junior Golf Alliance in the state of Maine. Recently established, this collaboration will serve as a vehicle to promote junior golf throughout the state by streamlining the junior golf process, creating competition for junior golfers, and growing the game of golf.

The New England PGA Junior Tour, founded in 1995, established a goal to help develop younger golfers as well as provide outstanding competitions on a local level. In addition, this program strives to foster sportsmanship and integrity among its members. The growth of the program has been phenomenal, and today the program consists of over 800 junior golfers and a schedule of more than 100 junior tournaments per season.

The MSGA's mission is to promote and serve the best interests of golf in the state of Maine, and for the past 20 years they have enjoyed a very active and well attended junior golf program with a full tournament schedule starting in June and continuing into August.

"The New England PGA is very excited to work together with the Maine State Golf Association to expand Junior Golf in Maine," said NEPGA President Ron Bibeau, PGA. "We feel that together our two organizations will be able to promote all of the opportunities to junior golfers throughout the state, and with our combined efforts we can grow junior tournaments by expanding the schedule and increasing participation," said MSGA Executive Director, Nancy Storey.

The alliance will allow juniors from Maine to continue to participate in a dedicated local schedule, but members will have the opportunity to participate in additional NEPGA Junior Tour events throughout New England. The alliance will be looking for ways to expand and improve upon the program the MSGA started by looking at spring and fall opportunities to host local events.

For more information, or to join the junior tour, please visit nepgajuniortour.com or juniorgolfmaine.com.

MAINE CHAPTER NEPGA 2018 EVENTS

APRIL		JULY	
17 (Tue)	Spring Meeting @ Woodlands Club	17 (Tue)	Pro-Pro Match Play - Semi-Finals
MAY			Team Match Play @ TBD
8 (Tue)	Pro-Am #1 @ Dunegrass GC	30 (Mon)	Pro-Junior Championship
	1 Gross + 1 Net		@ Bidd-Saco CC - 1 Gross & 1 Net
14 (Mon)	Pro-Pro Stroke Play Championship	AUGUST	
	@ Webhannet - Team Best Ball	7 (Tue)	Pro-Pro Match Play - Finals
14 (Mon)	Pro-Pro Match Play - Prelim Rnd		Team Match Play @ TBD
	Team Match Play @ TBD	13 (Mon)	Pro-Am #7 @ Sugarloaf GC
22 (Tue)	Pro-Am #2 @ Prouts Neck CC		Point Quota
	1 Gross + 1 Net - Scholarship Event	14 (Tue) - 15 (Wed)	State of Maine Championship
JUNE			@ Sugarloaf GC - Individual Gross
4 (Mon)	Pro-Pro Match Play - Round of 16	SEPTEMBER	
	Team Match Play @ TBD	5 (Wed) - 6 (Thu)	Chapter Championship - Sr / SSr
11 (Mon)	Pro-Am #3 @ Waterville CC		@ Rockland & Samoset GC - Ind Gross
	1 Gross + 1 Net	17 (Mon)	Pro-Am #8 @ Cape Aundle GC
19 (Tue)	Pro-Am #4 @ Kebo Valley GC		1 Gross + 1 Net
	1 Gross + 1 Net (12:30 Start)	18 (Tue)	Pro-Am #9 @ Webhannet GC
20 (Wed)	Pro-Am #5 @ Bangor Municipal GC		1 Gross + 1 Net
	1 Gross + 1 Net (9:00 Start)	19 (Wed)	Pro-Am #10 @ York G&TC
25 (Mon)	Pro-Veteran @ Martindale CC		1 Gross + 1 Net
	Point Quota	24 (Mon)	Pro-Am Championship @ Portland CC
26 (Tue)	Pro-Pro Match Play - Qtr-Finals		2 of 4 Gross - Scholarship Event
	Team Match Play @ TBD	OCTOBER	
JULY		9 (Tue)	Pro-Am #11 @ Ledges GC
10 (Tue)	Pro-Senior Championship		Point Quota
	@ Bath GC - 2 of 4 Gross & Net	16 (Tue)	Pro-Assistant Championship
16 (Mon)	Pro-Am #6 @ Woodlands Club		@ Purpoodock Club - Team BB / Mixer
	Point Quota	16 (Tue)	Fall Meeting @ Purpoodock Club

Registration for the 2018 events opens April 1, 2018

Pickup your Chapter Event pocket schedules at the Spring Meeting!



Tournament Management Program Workshop

On March 1st a crowd of about twenty PGA Professionals attended a USGA Tournament Management Program workshop at The Purpoodock Club in Cape Elizabeth.

The TM Club (aka Golf Genius) software replaces the USGA's TPP Program and is being made available through the MSGA as part of your clubs GHIN fees.

Presenters were, Don Doyon, Maine Chapter Operations Manager, NEPGA and Ken Dixon, Northeast Region Account Manager, Golf Genius Software. The morning session of the workshop focused on an introduction to the software, and running a basic event. The afternoon session included more advanced training including: uploading players from a spreadsheet, league setup, the download / print center and the particulars of receiving technical support for your questions. PGA Professionals who attended received 5 MSR Education credits.

A special "Thank You" goes out to Tony Decker and Emily Cole of the Purpoodock Club who made sure all our needs were met at this fine facility.

